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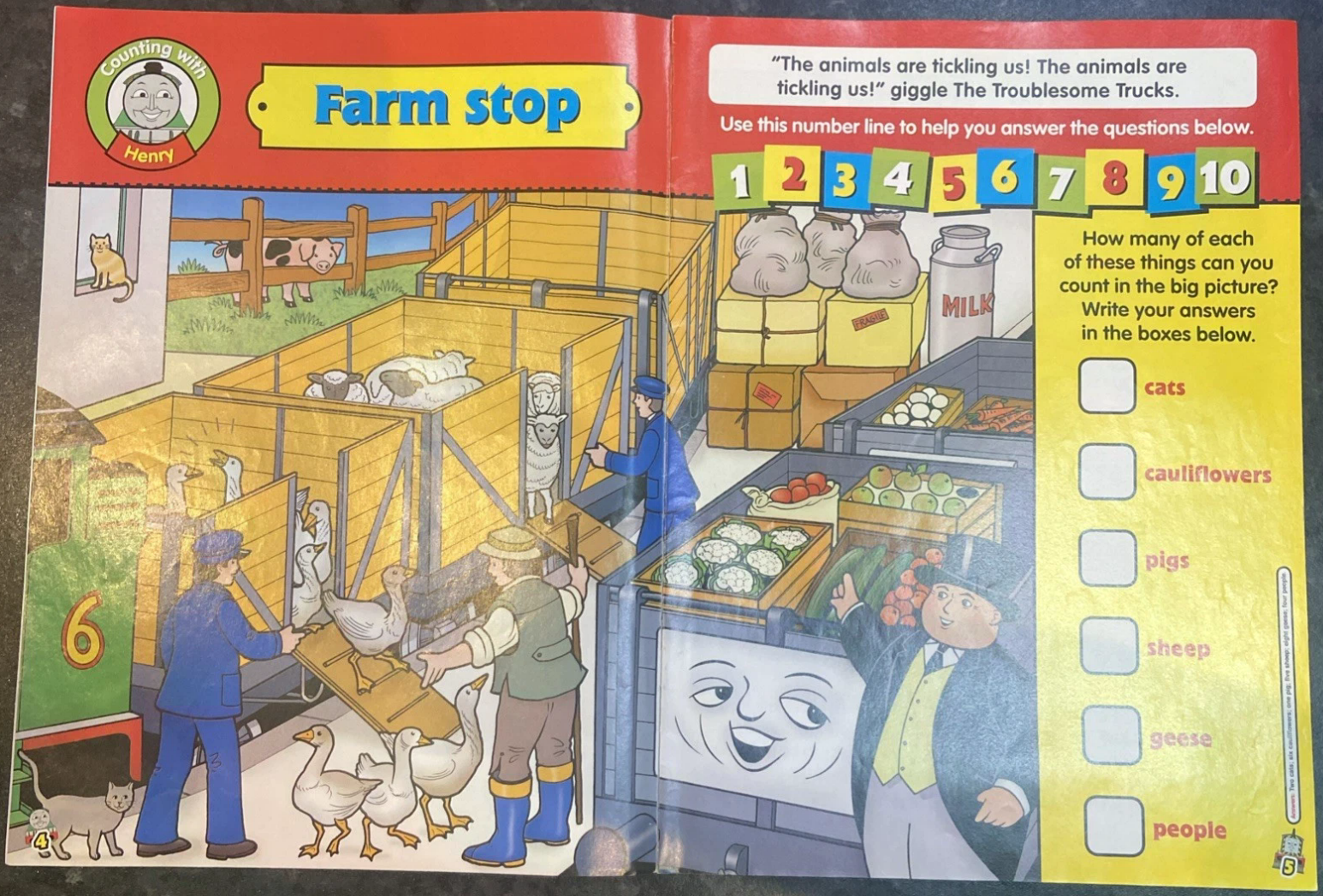
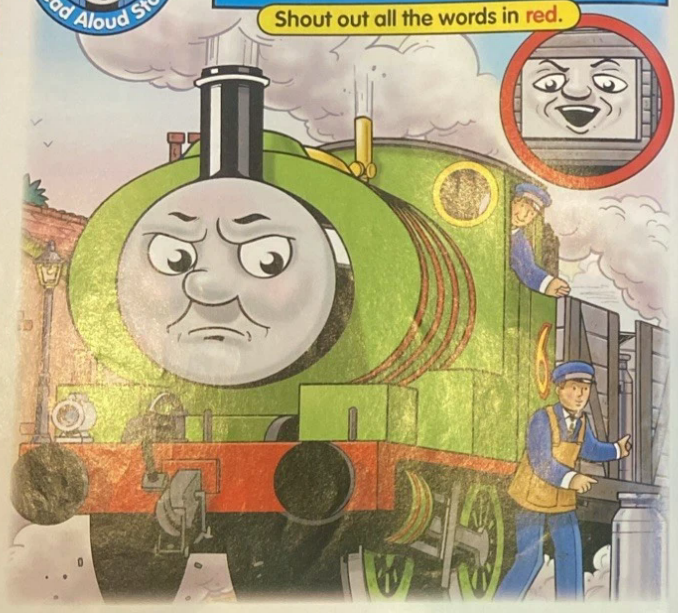

Counting with Henry
Farm stop
"The animals are tickling us! The animals are tickling us!" giggle The Troublesome Trucks.
Use this number line to help you answer the questions below.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
How many of each of these things can you count in the big picture? Write your answers in the boxes below.
cats
cauliflowers
pigs
sheep
geese
people
MILK
FRAGILE
6
4
5

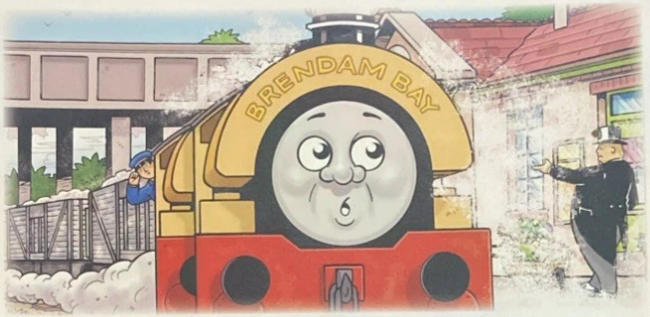
Thomas' Read Aloud Story

The Wash Down

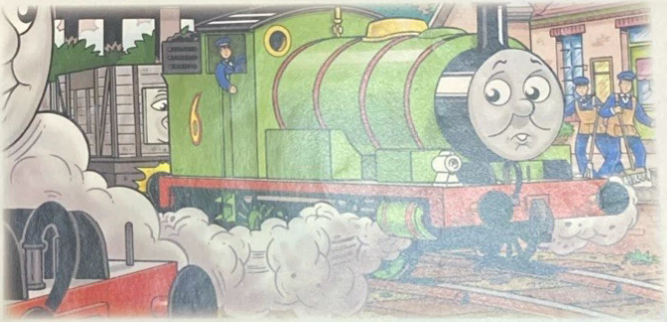
Shout out all the words in red.



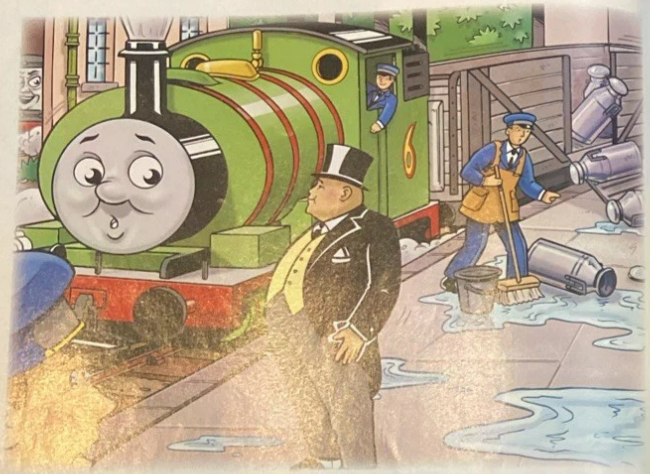
1 One morning, Percy huffed and puffed crossly in The Main Station yard. "Pah! It's not fair!" he fumed. "It's too much trouble pulling Troublesome Trucks!" "What a cheek!" sang the trucks. "We'll teach Percy to be rude about us!" One truck was loaded up with water cans for the signal boxes along the lines. "The signalmen must have fresh water for their tea," said Percy's driver.



2 Meanwhile, Bill and Ben returned from Brendam Bay. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew a big cloud of China Clay dust from their trucks all over the platform. "The Mayor will be arriving soon to catch the Express," said The Fat Controller. "We must get this mess cleaned up at once!"



3 Porters and ticket office staff hurried to help with mops, buckets and brooms. "We'll never finish in time!" they said. Next moment, Percy steamed out of The Yard towards the platform. His naughty trucks rocked and rattled about. "Stop that!" hissed Percy. He braked hard to give them a jolt.



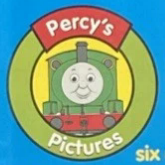
The water cans rolled out of their drop-side truck. The lids fell off and a wave of water washed across the platform. "That was quick thinking!" called The Fat Controller. "The platform's spotless for the Mayor!" "Be good now!" whispered the trucks. Percy agreed, "Let's make a clean getaway!"

The End

Can you match each of these shadows to something in the picture above?

A B C D E

answer: A The Fat Controller B Railway worker C Bucket D Water can E Broom



Spilled load

These two pictures look the same, but there are six differences in the bottom one. Can you find them all?

answer: 1. The building's window has disappeared. 2. The tree behind Emily has vanished. 3. Emily is looking in a different direction. 4. Emily's buffer bar is now blue. 5. The Troublesome Truck is now smiling. 6. A mouse has appeared on the front bucket.

Puzzles with Peter Sam

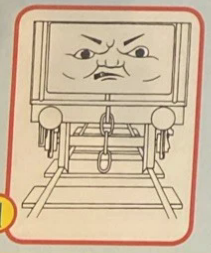
All about Trucks

A Can you help the trucks with their sums? Write your answers in the boxes.

1 + =

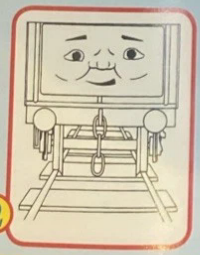
2 =

B Draw a line to match each truck with how they look. Now, colour them both in.

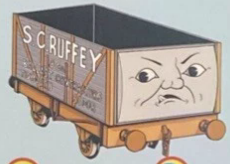


happy

sad



C S.C. Ruffey needs to pick up some bricks. Which line must he follow to reach the bricks?



1 2 3

D The Troublesome Trucks like being cheeky! Now, write in their name.

Troublesome Trucks

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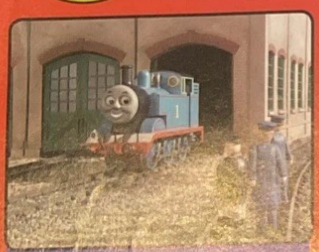
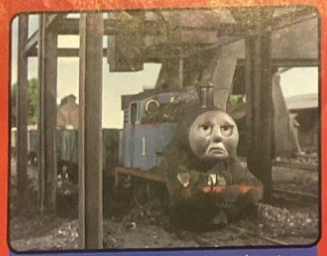
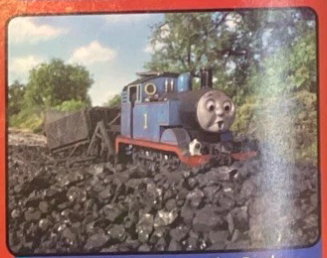


1 "Your trucks are getting too rusty for heavy loads, so you and James are to have new ones," said The Fat Controller to Thomas. And that night Thomas and James were delighted.

2 "You'll never keep your new trucks as clean as mine!" said James. "I will!" huffed Thomas, puffing to collect coal. "I'll show you, James!" he said, as he backed up under the hopper.

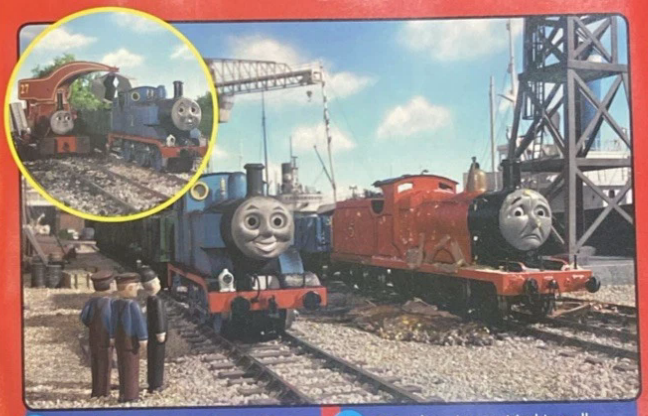


3 But the trucks had other ideas! They rolled too far back and covered Thomas and themselves in coal. "We like being dirty! We like being dirty!" sang the trucks.



4 Then, on the way to The Docks, the trucks rocked and rolled about until they came right off the tracks. Coal flew everywhere. Thomas and his trucks were dirtier than ever.

Thomas' new trucks



5 But, the trucks were happy. Once the coal was reloaded, Thomas raced to The Docks. James was waiting. "Your trucks are filthy! Look how clean my trucks are," he cried.

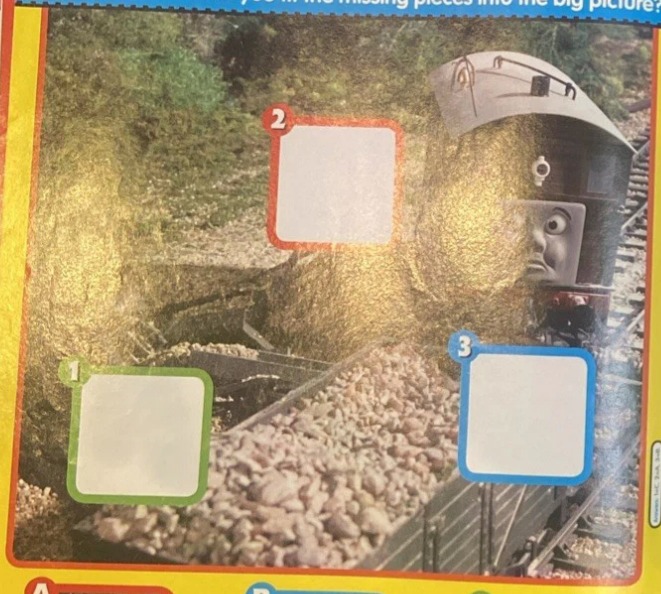
6 But, when James tried to pull away, his trucks held back. Then, Cranky dropped a crate of melons all over James and his trucks. "Ha! Who's dirty now?" laughed Thomas.

Troublesome Trucks like being dirty. This truck is clean. Make it dirty by adding smudges and marks with your crayons and fingers!

Puzzles with Peter Sam

Truck trouble

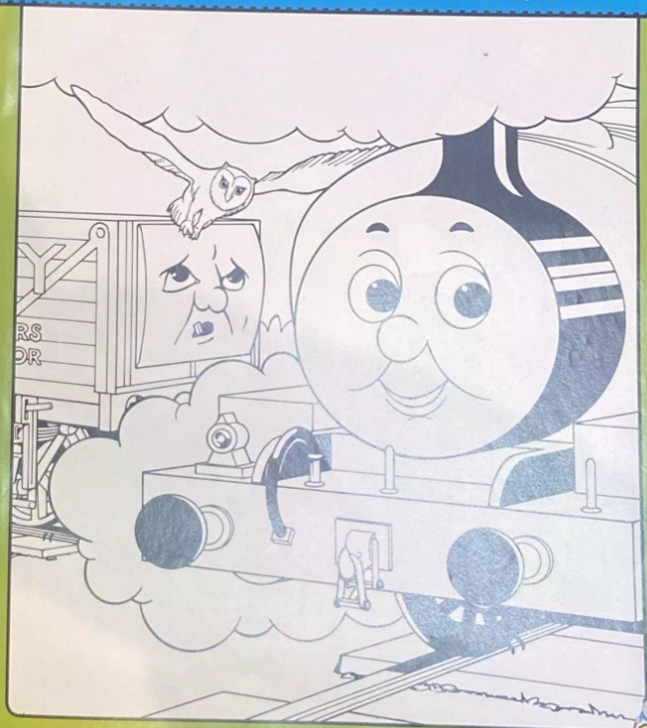
The Troublesome Trucks have made Toby derail. Can you fit the missing pieces into the big picture?



Colour with James

Scaredy truck

Do you know the name of the Troublesome Truck? Colour him and the rest of the picture in.



Truck trouble

Daisy's Game

How to Play: Ask a grown-up to cut out the counters and stick them onto card. You'll need a counter for each player and a dice. Take it in turns to move around the board. Whoever races to the finish first, is the winner!

Start

2

Squabbling trucks derail. Go back to Start.

4

Bumping trucks slow you down. Go back 1.

7

Give a cheery wave to Bulstrode. Go forward 2.

9

Trucks are loaded with smelly compost. Miss a go.

10

Load yummy apples at The Orchard. Go forward 3.

12

S.C. Ruffey is singing a cheeky song! Go back 2.

15

Go back 6 spaces to collect runaway truck.

17

Finish loading sacks of flour from mill. Go forward 3.

18

Trucks not listening to instructions. Go back 1.

20

Toad tells the trucks to behave! Go forward 1.

Finish

Stop to load milk churns. Go back a square for each one.

Master

Read a Rhyme with
Daisy
Airborne trucks
1
Neville pulled a naughty truck,
He took it to The Docks.
But 'new boy' Neville was too nice,
And the truck gave him some shocks.
2
"Please behave!" cried Neville.
But the truck bumped him again.
3
CRANKY
"I'll teach that truck a lesson!"
Called mighty Cranky Crane.
4
Neville soon unhooked the truck,
And Cranky raised it in the air.
5
"Put me down! I will behave!"
The truck cried, "It's not fair!"
The End
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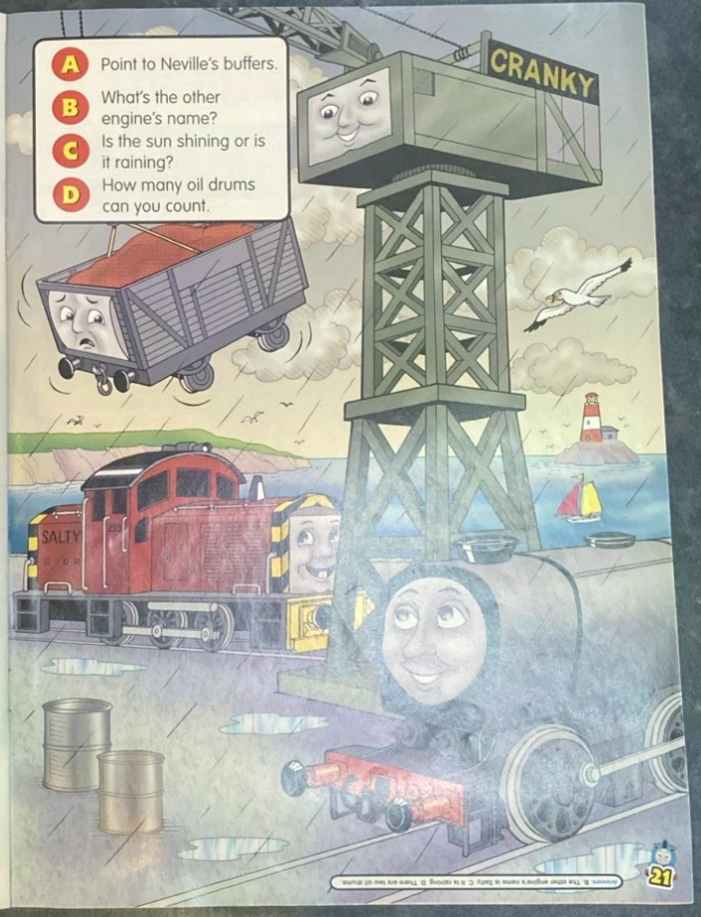
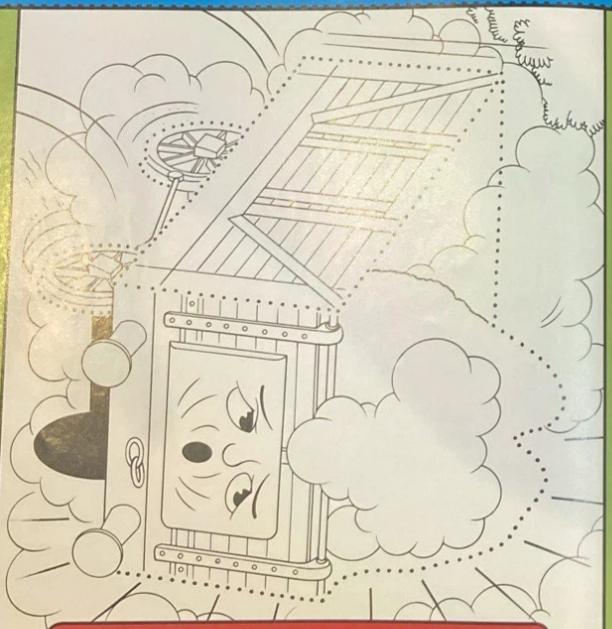

A Point to Neville's buffers.
B What's the other engine's name?
C Is the sun shining or is it raining?
D How many oil drums can you count.
CRANKY
SALTY
21

Edward's Join the Dots

Derailed!

"Oh, help!" cries the Troublesome Truck. "I was misbehaving and now I've toppled over!"



Draw along the dotted line to complete the picture. Now, colour it in with your brightest crayons.

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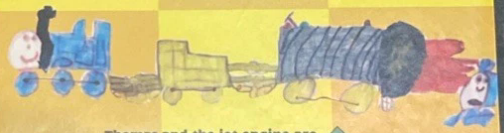
Robert Fyfe, aged 7, gives Thomas a big thumbs up!

"I don't want to work," says James, hiding in a tunnel. Drawn by Adam Batson, aged 8½.



Thomas and the jet engine are speeding past Gordon in this drawing by Daniel Griffin, aged 6.

James Vielvoye, aged 4, shows off the splendid model of Thomas he helped his Grandad make.

Thomas is giving Percy a helping hand in this picture by Aaron Pengelly, aged 6.

Joe Smith, aged 5½, made this Thomas from recycled boxes.

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